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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner made the following statement regarding Claim 7 in his Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Claim 7 is allowable for setting forth a method for separating a pane of a brittle material from a moving ribbon of material comprising the step of moving the ribbon in a vertical direction.

Claim 7 calls for a moving ribbon of a brittle material where the movement of the ribbon is described by a vector. The claim further specifies that "the vector is characterized by a vertical component and a horizontal component and the vertical component is substantially greater than the horizontal component."

Thus, although the claim includes the case of a ribbon whose movement is purely in a vertical direction, it is not so limited, but also includes ribbons that have some horizontal component as long as the vertical component is "substantially greater" than the horizontal component.

Applicant further notes the following description of Dryon in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

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Dryon teaches a method for separating a pane of a brittle material from a moving ribbon of material comprising the step of moving the ribbon in a horizontal direction but not in a vertical direction.

However, in the Office Actions dated November 16, 2005 and January 30, 2006, the Examiner characterized Dryon's sheet as having "a vertical vector component."

Thus, applicant believes that both with regard to Claim 7 and Dryon, in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner's descriptions of directions of motions should be read as relating to overall directions of motion without making those overall directions the only directions of motion.

Applicant would appreciate it if the Examiner would contact the undersigned if the foregoing understanding regarding the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is incorrect.

Respectfully submitted,

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